United States Department of Agriculture



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Dear Conservation Partners:

The Colorado State Technical Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourning by 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Colorado Room of the Holiday Inn Denver West Village located at 14707 West Colfax in Golden, Colorado.

Sleeping rooms are available at the Holiday Inn Denver West Village, for \$89/a complimentary buffet breakfast is included. To make your reservations call 303-279-7611. Be sure to mention the **group code "2-NRC"**. Cut off date for room reservations is September 14, 2006.

Tentative Agenda topics will include:

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

2006 Program Summary by Watershed 2006 Invasive Plant Species Special Project

Results: State Strategies and Coordination

2007 Watershed Work Group Recommendations

2007 Project Ranking Criteria

Change to Average Cost Incentives

FSA Program Update

Conservation Security Program (CSP)

2006 Program Summary

2007 Watershed Recommendations

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

2006 Project Summary

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

2006 Bid Pilot Reverse Auction

2007 Geographic Payment Caps

2007 WRP Project Ranking Tool

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

2006 Program Summary

2007 Request for Proposals

Colorado Division of Wildlife Update

Cost Share of Conservation Practices on Federal Lands

If you have questions regarding this meeting or have additional agenda items you would like discussed, you may contact Tim Carney, Assistant State Conservationist-Programs, at 720-544-2805 or email tim.carney@co.usda.gov or contact Linda Neel, Secretary, Ecological Sciences, at 720-544-2816 or email linda.neel@co.usda.gov. Click on the following link to

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access the Colorado webpage for updated information regarding the Colorado State Technical Committee.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations, please contact Linda Neel.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by September 18, 2006, to Linda Neel.

Sincerely,

/s/

ALLEN GREEN State Conservationist